

# United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit

## **COURT POLICY ON RECORDINGS & TRANSCRIPTS OF ORAL ARGUMENTS**

At its November 14, 1995, Judges' Meeting, the Court revised its policy on the availability of recordings and transcripts of oral arguments. The new policy is as follows:

1. Only a person who is an attorney or litigant in the case may **listen** to oral argument tapes.
2. No person will be given permission to tape an oral argument.
3. Any person may request that a transcript of the oral argument be made at his/her expense. This transcript will be made as part of an arrangement between the requestor and the company to which the Court refers the requestor. The cost will include the expense of preparing one copy of the transcript for the requestor and four copies for the Court.
4. Any person may request a copy of the oral argument tape **after the case has been completely closed**. This means that all appeals, remands, or other additional proceedings must be concluded before the tape will be reproduced. Reproductions will be priced pursuant to the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States. [Currently, reproductions cost \$26.]
5. The Court will consider requests for a waiver of the above policy upon a showing of good cause.
6. Oral argument tapes will be retained in the Clerk's Office for a period of two years after the issuance of a mandate in the case, then they will be destroyed.